

## Priorities

This section contains the priorities for providing outdoor recreation in Indiana. These priorities were established using several methods. Initially, the issues and concerns were developed based on input gathered from the Plan Advisory Committee meetings, the Issues Survey and discussions with natural resource and parks and recreation professionals throughout Indiana. Secondly, goals and objectives were developed to help satisfy these issues. These goals and objectives will help to establish funding priorities in Indiana. In addition, they help to provide direction to decision makers asking the question "What is important in terms of outdoor recreation for the citizens of Indiana?"

**Additional, specific priorities for the topics of trails and wetlands are located in the Appendix.**



## Outdoor Recreation Goals and Objectives

### **Goal #1: Protect Indiana's natural and cultural resources.**

Objective 1-1: Promote the appropriate outdoor recreational use of historic and cultural sites.

Objective 1-2: Promote wise development of recreational facilities including appropriate siting and scale.

Objective 1-3: Assist Division of Historic Preservation and Archaeology to identify and list significant designed landscapes, especially those with outdoor recreational elements.

Objective 1-4: Continue to promote greater awareness, proper use and management of the environment through education.

Objective 1-5: Encourage environmental ethics and responsibilities.

Objective 1-6: Encourage the use of new technologies to involve a greater audience base.

Objective 1-7: Promote appropriate outdoor recreation facility development along nationally and state designated scenic byways and scenic river corridors, which preserves their intrinsic values.

### **Goal #2: Encourage and promote outdoor recreation participation.**

Objective 2-1: Encourage outdoor recreation as a lifestyle choice, not just an activity.

Objective 2-2: Instill recreational ethics and user responsibilities through education.

Objective 2-3: Encourage participation in outdoor recreation activities as a method to prevent skyrocketing health care costs and promote healthy living.

Objective 2-4: Encourage facility development in areas where there is high demand for outdoor recreation opportunities.

Objective 2-5: Promote incorporating the principles of Universal Design in providing outdoor recreation facilities and experiences.

Objective 2-6: Expand the use of economic data to support providing and maintaining outdoor recreation facilities and activities.

Objective 2-7: Market the value of recreational opportunities for community development and revitalization.

Objective 2-8: Emphasize the opportunities that outdoor recreation offers in dealing with issues such as water and air quality, brownfields, farmland preservation, tourism, and commerce.

**Goal#3: Protect and expand Indiana's wetlands, riparian habitats and water/river recreation resources.**

Objective 3-1: Provide support and assistance to local organizations in expanding trail and greenway systems located in riparian corridors.

Objective 3-2: Preserve and protect Indiana's rarest wetland and riparian resources through education, acquisition and funding.

Objective 3-3: Preserve and protect Indiana's woodlands through education and acquisition.

Objective 3-4: Encourage actions that improve the quality of Indiana's waters.

**Goal#4: Provide long-term, consistent funding for outdoor recreation and resource conservation at the state and local level.**

Objective 4-1: Promote alternative sources of funding such as privatization and cost sharing for outdoor recreation to alleviate operational and maintenance costs.

Objective 4-2: Continue to provide recreational grant programs such as Indiana Waters, Hometown, LWCF, etc.

Objective 4-3: Provide facilities that are self-sufficient and income producing.



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Objective 4-4: Encourage special initiatives by establishing criteria that reward creative methods of providing outdoor recreation.

Objective 4-5: Promote the SCORP to other DNR divisions, other state/local agencies and the general public to increase awareness of the document, recreation benefits and technical resources.

## **Goal#5: Acquire lands for outdoor recreation and resource conservation.**

Objective 5-1: Give priority to acquiring lands in urban areas for outdoor recreation.

Objective 5-2: Make efforts to acquire lands from willing sellers.

Objective 5-3: Provide support and assistance to local organizations in expanding trail and greenway systems and recreational facilities.

Objective 5-4: Expand the use of public and private partnerships for providing outdoor recreation opportunities.

Objective 5-5: Be sensitive to issues of farmland and openspace preservation.

Objective 5-6: Give priority to the acquisition of lands in areas that are deficient in recreation opportunities.

Objective 5-7: Acquisition of abandoned railroad corridors for recreation and transportation.